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Report Highlights:

The University of California, Davis through funding from USDA's Foreign Agricultural Service has developed a publically accessible, on-line information resource called e-Afghan Ag to "Provide credible, relevant information to those helping farmers in Afghanistan." E-Afghan Ag is expanding repository of Afghanistan Agriculture Knowledge with materials providing information on, *inter alia*, fruits, nuts and vegetable crops, field crops, livestock, water resource management, and range and forestry management.

e-Afghan Ag

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The e-Afghan Ag website is a growing, publically accessible, online information resource that provides “*credible relevant information to those helping farmers in Afghanistan*”. The website offers summaries of all 34 provinces, technical information, access to offline browsing on mobile devices and is an excellent home base for asking questions from the field. The e-Afghan Ag website is useful both as a preparatory tool and a field tool. The program is supported by US Department of Agriculture and led by the International Program Office of the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences at UC Davis, CA, the program can be accessed at www.eafghanag.ucdavis.edu.

The site draws on expertise from over 50 institutions and has extensive links to government, university and non-government organizations. Many of the publications are in Dari and Pashtu. The information is available on a website and via a remote application downloadable on the iPad, Kindle Fire and Android devices in offline mode.

e-Afghan Ag focuses on technical agricultural information for people helping farmers in Afghanistan. The information is often developed in response to questions e-Afghan Ag receives from individuals in country including the Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock and the Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development. In this respect, e-Afghan Ag focuses on high priority field needs and opportunities to better help poor farmers.

A key feature of e-Afghan Ag is reachback. Using the “ask the expert” function on the e-Afghan Ag website, users may ask a wide variety of agricultural questions. Drawing on the expertise of UC Davis, as well as the partner institutions, answers are developed and returned to the users within a few days. The new material that is developed from these reachback queries and demands from the field are often posted on the e-Afghan Ag site to further enhance its capabilities.

The site does not aim to be a statistical database. For such statistical information, please visit the Ministry of Agriculture Irrigation and Livestock’s website at <http://mail.gov.af/en>.

Please visit www.eafghanag.ucdavis.edu to find information, to ask questions and for instructions on downloading the app.

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